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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, LE

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CONSULTATIONS WITH GOL

REF: STATE 015095

SUMMARY: GOL AGREEABLE TO CONSULTATIONS STARTING FEBRUARY 12. IS SUBMITTING ITS POSITION IN WRITING IN RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION OF US POSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL. ON VERY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED BOTH MEA AND TMA THINKING WITH RESPECT TO CONSULTATIONS. REPORTS INDICATING PAN AM HAS CHANGED ITS MIND ABOUT NEW SCHEDULES MIGHT RENDER CONSULTATIONS UNNECESSARY. EVEN IF REPORT CORRECT, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE IN OUR INTEREST TO GO THRU WITH THEM. END SUMMARY.

1. GOL HAS INDICATED ORALLY THAT FEBRUARY 12 DATE IS ACCEPTABLE. THIS WILL BE CONFIRMED SHORTLY IN A WRITTEN NOTE OUTLINING THE GOL POSITION (SENT IN REPLY TO OUR OWN COMMUNICATION OUTLINING THE US POSITION AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL).

2. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY CIVIL AIR DIRECTOR BEYDOUN AND DR. ANTOINE YAZBEK, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT. REPRESENTATIVES BOTH CONFIDENTIAL

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OF MEA (GENERAL MANAGER ASAD NASR) AND TMA (PRESIDENT

MUNIR ABU-HAIDAR) WILL BE PRESENT IN WASHINGTON AT THE SAME TIME.

3. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CERTAIN BACKGROUND INFOON VARIOUS LEBANESE POSITIONS WHICH SHOULD BE CLOSELY GUARDED:

A. MEA REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE UNDER INUTRCTIONS TO STONEWALL ANY PROPOSAL CALLING FOR NON-STOP PAN AM FLIGHTS BETWEEN LONDON AND BEIRUT. MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH LONDON-BEIRUT FLIGHT WITH STOPOVER AT ISTANBUL. MEA FAVORS OPPOSING NON-STOP PAN AV LONDON-BEIRUT FLIGHTS EVEN TO POINT OF VIOLATING CIVAIR AGREEMENT, BUT WOULD NOT RECEIVE TMA BACKING (NOR THEREFORE GOL BACKING) FOR SUCH ACTION).

B. FOR ITS PART, TMA NOT INTERESTED IN PROBLEM OF PAN AM SCHEDULES BUT WISHES TO RAISE SUCH MATTERS AS FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS. MEA NOT INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING OTHER MATTERS DURING CONSULTATIONS EXCEPT SCHEDULES AND WOULD NOT SUPPORT TMA IN ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS EXTRANEIOUS MATTERS.

4. CONCERNING PROBLEM OF NEW PAN AM SCHEDULES, EMBASSY HAS JUST HAD INDICATION FROM LOCAL PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE THESE ARE NO LONGER DESIRED, AND INFO CONTAINED IN ANKARA 669 SEEMS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CLARIFICATION FROM DEPARTMENT. IF INFO TRUE, CONSULTATIONS MIGHT NOT BE REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD SORELY DISAPPOINT ABU-HAIDAR. ON OTHER HAND, IF LONDON-BEIRUT FLIGHT WITH STOPOVER AT ISTANBUL DESIRED BY PAN AM, IT MIGHT BE TACTICALLY ADVISABLE TO HAVE CONSULATIONS BUT REFRAIN FROM ANNOUNCING PAN AM'S CHANGE OF MIND BEFORE THESE TAKE PLACE.  
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